

DR. FREEMAN'S TALKS.

XI.—Getting Out from the Bondage of Debt.

Editors Progressive Farmer:

While the crops are growing and the outlook is fine for a big crop and fine prices, it is an easy matter to spend such a crop on the imaginary yield. This is a bad plan and has brought trouble upon thousands of farmers. Thousands of farmers have lost their homes by spending on the basis of an imaginary crop.

Then there are others who plant cotton and tobacco, hoping that this time the crop will be large and the prices high and then they can buy corn, meat and other necessary things which they are bound to have for the coming year. This is all wrong. The big crop and high prices rarely ever come. These phantoms should never be followed by any farmer. Many have run after these imaginary dollars until they have lost all and brought their families to want. My friends, you can't do this sort of farming, and if you could, it is by far the most ruinous way to do. If you will think about it, you cannot afford to make a tobacco crop or cotton crop to sell at any price, and then buy corn, meat, potatoes and peas.

There is one true and sure way to be independent on the farm, and that is to make an abundance of corn, meat, potatoes and peas.

With these four things in abundance and a good garden, you will be on a sure foundation. You can make corn at thirty cents a bushel. One of my neighbors planted a field in corn and peas, and the peas paid every expense and the corn was a clear profit. The pea crop properly put in and managed will pay all the expenses of making the corn crop. Now if you can turn your labor into a crop at a cost to you of only thirty cents a bushel, don't you think it better than paying eighty cents cash for it? Now you remember that this eighty cents came to you from selling a crop which cost you very nearly the price for which you sold it. You see that your efforts in producing corn is worth four to five times more to you than if this same labor was put into a cotton or tobacco crop.

My farmer friends, when you learn to turn your labor into the crops which you are bound to have for the support of your family and stock during the coming year, and not have to spend one dollar (in cash or on time) of your money crop for them, you will begin to prosper as you never have. Make this your rule to go by for the next five years and see how it works.

The crops at this time are fine in this section, but if you begin to spend them, on their good looks, on time, they will not amount to much to you. Your labor will have been given to benefit some one else and you left worse off than before you did the work.

Don't spend one dollar of this crop until you have it all housed. Don't spend your money crop until you have sold it and carried the money

in your own pocket for a while. Think about these things and use your best judgment in all you do on your farm. Have at least one determination, and let that be not to trade on time for things you can make on your farm.

Think about these matters and get down to a basis of self-support and independence.

H. F. FREEMAN.

Wilson Co., N. C.

The Death of Kruger.

Stephen John Paul Kruger, President of the Boer Republic, who was affectionately known by his fellow-citizens as Oom Paul, is dead. He was born in Rastenburg, Cape Colony, October 10, 1825. In his early days he was a great fighter of lions and Zulus, and in 1872 he was made a member of the Executive Council of the Transvaal. Later, he became a general in the army, and was in command of the forces which gave the British their memorable defeat on February 27, 1881, at Majuba Hill. In 1883, he was chosen President of the Republic, and was elected continuously thereafter until the Republic fell in its war with England.

THE MARKETS

RALEIGH COTTON.

RALEIGH, July 18, 1904.

Prices to-day.....	10 1/2 @ 11
Prices this date last year.....	13
Receipts this week.....	29 bales
Receipts same week last year.....	13 bales
Receipts to date.....	14,288 bales
Receipts last year to date.....	15,081 bales

WILMINGTON PRODUCE.

WILMINGTON, July 18, 1904.

Peanuts, Prime, N. C., bu., 28 lbs.....	\$1.30
" Extra Prime, N. C., bu.....	\$1.35
" Fancy.....	\$1.40
" Prime, Virginia, bu.....	\$1.05
" Extra Prime, Virginia, bu.....	1 07 1/2
" Fancy, Virginia.....	\$1.10
" Spanish.....	1.10
Corn, white, bu.....	80 @ 85
N. C. bacon, hams, lb.....	18 @ 15
" " shoulders.....	12
" " sides.....	12 1/2
Eggs, per dozen.....	15 @ 18
Chickens, grown.....	85 @ 40
" spring.....	12 1/2 @ 20
Turkeys, lb.....	12 1/2 @ 18
Beeswax.....	25 @ 28
Tallow.....	5 1/2 @ 6 1/2
Sweet potatoes, bu.....	90 @ \$1.00
Beef cattle, lb.....	2 @ 4

CHARLOTTE PRODUCE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 18, 1904.

Chickens—spring.....	12 @ 20
Eggs.....	12 1/2
Ducks.....	25
Hens—per head.....	30 @ 35
Turkeys per lb.....	12 @ 18
Corn.....	70
Oats—feed.....	52 @ 54
Oats.....	54 @ 56
Rye.....	\$1.00
Hides—dry flint.....	12
Hides—dry salt.....	10
Hides—green, 25 and up.....	7 1/2
Kips—green, 13 to 25.....	7 1/2
Calf skins, 5 to 12.....	60 @ 70
Calf skins, under 5.....	40 @ 60
Sheep skins, full wool.....	50 @ 80
Lamb skins.....	25 @ 50
Goat skins.....	15 @ 25

BALTIMORE PROVISIONS.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 18 1904.

Flour—winter patents.....	\$4.80 @ 5.10
" Spring patents.....	\$4.85 @ 5.15
Wheat.....	80 @ 90
Corn, Southern white.....	50 @ 55
Oats, No. 2 white.....	46
Rye, No. 2.....	79
Butter, fancy imitation.....	17 @ 18
Butter, fancy creamery.....	19 @ 20
Butter, store packed.....	11 @ 12
Eggs fresh.....	18
Cheese, firm.....	8 1/4 @ 10
Sugar, fine and coarse granulated, 55.20	

CHARLOTTE COTTON.

CHARLOTTE, July 11, 1904.

These figures represent prices paid to wag-	
ons:	
Good middling.....	11
Strict middling.....	10 87
Middling.....	10.75
Stains.....	8 1/2 @ 10

Alliance Work in Robeson County.

Editors Progressive Farmer:

The Robeson County Alliance, recently reorganized, will hold the regular July county meeting with Raft Swamp sub Alliance on Thursday, July 28th. It is hoped that every sub Alliance in the county will be represented at that meeting. State Lecturer H. M. Cates will be with us at that time and will remain in the county for some while afterward, reorganizing the Alliance.

Brother Cates is not only a good farmer but a fine speaker, and we think ourselves very fortunate in getting him to be with us at that meeting.

A hearty welcome is extended to all who believe in the uplifting of the farmers of the county. M.

We regret that an error in setting the ad of Mars Hill College on page 14 makes the sixth sentence: "The Spilman Home for girls and young men," etc. It should be: "The Principal has charge of the Spilman Home for girls and young 'women.'" The young men board in private homes around the school and have ideal surroundings.

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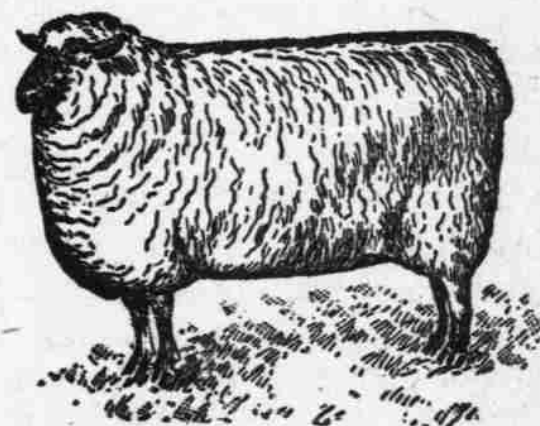
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